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Non-Autologous Blood Derived Products for Chronic Non-Healing Wounds

Key Words

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Provider Types Affected

Physicians, providers and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare carriers, fiscal intermediaries (FIs) and/or regional home health intermediaries (RHHIs) for chronic non-healing wound related services furnished to Medicare beneficiaries

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is April 27, 2006.
- The implementation date is July 10, 2006.
- Medicare contractors (carriers, FIs, and RHHIs) have been instructed that claims submitted for becaplermin (HCPCS S0157), a non-autologous growth factor for chronic, non-healing, subcutaneous wounds, will remain non-covered, because it is usually self-administered by the patient.
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is revising section 270.3 of the *National Coverage Determinations (NCD) Manual* (Publication 100-03, Chapter 1, Part 3, "Blood-Derived Products for Chronic Non-Healing Wounds") to read:

"Coverage for treatments utilizing becaplermin, a non-autologous growth factor for chronic non-healing subcutaneous wounds, **will remain nationally non-covered** under Part B based on §1861(s)(2)(A) and §1861(s)(2)(B) because this product is usually self-administered by the patient."

Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5123.pdf>

CR5123 is the official instruction issued to Medicare carriers or FIs/RHHIs. There are two transmittals for CR5123. Transmittal 59, containing the NCD revision, is available at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R59NCD.pdf> on the CMS web site. Transmittal 977,

containing the Medicare claims processing instructions, can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R977CP.pdf> on the CMS web site.

If affected providers have questions, they may contact their Medicare carrier/FI/RHHI at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.pdf> on the CMS web site.